

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1941.



"Fairford",
Exmouth.

1st May, 1943.

For obvious reasons this Report is greatly curtailed and it has been prepared on the lines indicated in Circulars 2067 and 2314 issued by the Ministry of Health.

All records including the statistics supplied by the Registrar-General have been carefully preserved and a more detailed Report will be presented on the cessation of hostilities.

Section C. Sanitary circumstances of the Area.

WATER. The supply is abundant and continuous.

The chemical and bacteriological analyses have been satisfactory on all occasions.

DRAINAGE and SEWERAGE. On this subject, no complaints have been reported. The water carriage system is universal in the District. A Scheme for the improvement in sewage disposal was approved by the Council but work on it was unavoidably postponed owing to the difficult position of the Country at the time, due to war conditions.

Section E. Inspection and supervision of Food.

Periodical visits and inspections were made to premises associated with the production and distribution of Food. No complaints or infringements of the Regulations were reported.

Section F. Prevalence and Control over Infectious Disease.

During the year, three cases of Scarlatina and five of Chicken Pox were notified, the former were removed to the Whipton Isolation Hospital, Exeter, and precautions against dissemination carried out.

A case of Cerebro-spinal fever occurred amongst the Troops stationed in the District and was transferred to Whipton.

Tuberculosis. Two cases, both females, at the ages of 49 and 52, were notified. One died and the other left the District.

Diphtheria. A large number of children, including Evacuees, were immunised, the method adopted being by the two injection method, an interval of a month intervening between the injections. A.P.T. was used, the dose being .1 cc. for the first and .3 cc. for the second injection. Strict antiseptic precautions were taken, a separate sterilised needle being provided for each child. I was present at every Session and no unpleasant reactions were reported.

The Area is fortunate in having been free from Diphtheria since February 1931.

My thanks are due to the Surveyor, Mr Holden, for his help in the compilation of this Report.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

C. BEESLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

